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Grey Market Vehicles

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Secretary of State



A Message From the Secretary

My office has established requirements for the titling and registering of vehicles not originally manufactured in compliance with United States emission and safety standards. These vehicles are often referred to as "grey market" vehicles and must be modified to meet those standards.

This publication explains the procedures for obtaining titles and license plates for those vehicles and explains what documents are required for this office to approve the transactions.

For questions about the required federal modifications, contact the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you need more information about title and registration procedures, contact the Vehicle Services Department or call toll-free (800) 252-8980.

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Jim Edgar in black ink.

Jim Edgar
Secretary of State

What Are They?

Vehicles not originally manufactured in compliance with U.S. emission and safety standards are called grey market vehicles.

Federal law prohibits a grey market vehicle from being operated on public highways or sold until the vehicle is in compliance with federal regulations. Once in compliance, the vehicle is no longer considered a grey market vehicle.

Who Applies For Titles?

An Illinois resident who is the **initial buyer** of a grey market vehicle must provide federal documents and obtain an Illinois certificate of title. This requirement applies to those who are licensed as vehicle dealers as well as those who are not.

Subsequent buyers are not required to furnish the same federal documents. The assigned certificate of title will be accepted without further proof of compliance.

Forms Required

An application for Illinois title and registration (form VSD-190), or an application for Illinois title (VSD-330) if the vehicle will not be operated, must be properly completed and submitted along with the proper ownership documents, federal documents, tax forms and fees **to the Office of the Secretary of State, Non-Uniform Title Office** (address on back).

OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS

Foreign documents of ownership, title or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO) must be submitted. These documents must be originals, not copies, and must be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

Model Year — If the ownership documents indicate a specific model year, that will be used on the certificate of title. Otherwise, any grey market vehicle manufactured between

Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 will be identified on the title with a model year based on the following year.

FEDERAL DOCUMENTS

1. Customs form 7501, "Entry Summary" or "Informal Entry," which shows the duty tax on the purchase price of the vehicle.

2. Evidence of compliance with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emissions standards must include the following:

- a) a copy of **both** sides of EPA Form 3520-1 (entry form);
- b) a copy of **both** sides of EPA Form 3520-8 (final admission form);
- c) a copy of the certified mail receipt or postal card showing date of receipt by EPA of EPA Form 3520-8; and
- d) a statement from the Independent Commercial Importer (ICI) that the 15-day hold period is over, and that the EPA is not requiring the vehicle to be held pending final admission.

3. Department of Transportation (DOT) compliance letter stating the vehicle is in compliance with 19 CFR 12.80 (e) (1985).

Items 2 and 3 are not required in the following conditions:

- If the importer paid a penalty assessed by Customs to import a nonconforming vehicle and a copy of the penalty letter and a copy of the receipt from Customs showing payment are submitted, or
- If the importer or importer's agent submits a DOT form HS-7, EPA form 3520-1 and Customs Informal Entry form indicating that the vehicle is in compliance with or is exempt from the U.S. emission and safety standards. Each of these forms must indicate the compliance or exemptions. The Customs form also must bear the Customs' official entry file number.

Note: If the applicant never received or has lost any of the federal documents listed, copies must be obtained from the appropriate federal agency before the title and registration will be processed.

BILL OF SALE

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A bill of sale is required if the seller is not a U.S. citizen and the sale occurred in a foreign country. The bill of sale should indicate the year, model, make and identification number of the vehicle and include the purchase price. It must be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

Fees

Title — \$5

Passenger vehicle registration plates — \$48

Other registration fees vary according to gross weight, special use of vehicle, design of vehicle, business concern, etc.

Fee instrument must be made payable to the Secretary of State.

Taxes

Any motor vehicle use tax should be made payable to the Illinois Department of Revenue but submitted with all other forms and documents to the Secretary of State's office. Inquiries concerning the amount of sales tax due must be directed to:

Illinois Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 4005, 101 W. Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62708
(217) 782-2181

OR

Illinois Department of Revenue
100 W. Randolph, Concourse 300
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 814-3239

Mandatory Vehicle Insurance

All motor vehicles registered and operated in Illinois must be covered by liability insurance—insurance that covers the property damage and/or injuries you may cause others in an accident.

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Insurance Claims

If a vehicle is destroyed or stolen before it is admitted by Customs and issued a certificate of title, the Secretary of State's office will consider the vehicle as salvage and issue a salvage certificate **in the name of the insurance company** that paid the total loss claim.

An affidavit attesting that a total loss insurance claim has been filed against the insurance company must be submitted by the owner. This affidavit must identify the vehicle year, model, make and identification number as well as the name and address of the insurance company. The ownership documents and bill of sale, if applicable, must also be submitted.

If the vehicle is recovered without damage, the insurer making payment on a total loss claim may exchange the salvage certificate for a certificate of title upon admission into the U.S. by Customs. The insurance company shall submit the required federal forms to the Secretary of State.

Where To Apply

IN PERSON

Customer Service Center
Centennial Building, 1st Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62756

BY MAIL

Title Processing Division
Non-Uniform Title Office
Centennial Building, 6th Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62756

For more information, call (217) 782-9796.

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